

Press Release



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## THE MEXICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN GREAT BRITAIN

### CELEBRATES ITS 5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GALA DINNER & AWARDS

The Annual Gala Dinner and Awards of the Mexican Chamber of Commerce in Great Britain is the most important networking event within the Mexican-British business community.

On its 5<sup>th</sup> edition, the Gala dinner and Awards will be taking place at the historic and beautiful setting of the traditional In & Out (Naval and Military Club) allowing guests to savour an exquisite dinner and enjoy the keynote speech of Dr. Jesús Reyes Heróles, President of Grupo GEA, and closing remarks from Justice Fernando Franco González Salas of the Mexican Supreme Court of Justice, and network with the key stakeholders of the Mexican-British business community.

Guests will have the opportunity to taste and be introduced to tequila and tequila-based cocktails kindly sponsored by Proximo Spirits.

The event serves as the ideal framework to award British and Mexican companies that have excelled in their contributions to the private sector by strengthening trade and investment between our countries in four different categories:

#### Mexican Company of the Year Award

This award is presented to an outstanding Mexican companies whose innovative business strategies and world-class operations have propelled them into new heights or consolidated them as leaders in their industry and as a recognition of their unique contribution to bilateral business relations.

#### British Company of the Year Award

This award is presented to an outstanding British company whose innovative business strategy and world-class operations have propelled them into new heights or consolidated them as leaders in their industry and as a recognition of their unique contribution to bilateral business relations.

#### International Business Leadership Award for a UK Project

This award is presented to a company (ies) whose outstanding performance in the business world has been evidenced through their expansion and/or contributions in the UK, impacting and strengthening the importance of business relationships between Mexico and the UK.

#### International Business Leadership Award for a Mexican project

This award is presented to company (ies) whose outstanding performance in the business world has been evidenced, through their expansion and/or contributions in Mexico, impacting and strengthening the importance of business relations between Mexico and the UK



The MexCC's 5<sup>th</sup> Gala Dinner & Awards will be hosting approximately 100 guests including representatives from the Mexican business community doing business in the UK, and British business community interested or doing business in Mexico. Among others, distinguished attendants to the Gala Dinner include Baroness Jane Bonham Carter, Trade Envoy of Prime Minister David Cameron to Mexico, Lady & Lord Brennan, Minister David Nájera, Deputy Head of Mission of the Mexican Embassy; Antonio Mayer, President of the UK Committee of COMCE; Antonio Galindo, President of AMEXCAP whom will be joined by a delegation of members of AMEXCAP, and Yves Hayaux du Tilly, partner of Nader, Hayaux & Goebel and President of the Mexican Chamber of Commerce in Great Britain.

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#### **About Dr. Jesús Reyes Heróles, President of Grupo GEA**

Dr. Jesús F. Reyes-Heróles is currently Executive President of StructurA, an organization that groups different consulting firms such as GEA, EnergeA||StructurA, PROA, and MBD. He is also member of the Boards of Directors of Santander Mexico and OHL Mexico, as well as member of the Advisory Board of Energy Intelligence Group (EIG), Mitsui Mexico and the Centro Mario Molina para Estudios Estratégicos sobre Energía y Medio Ambiente AC. Dr. Reyes-Heróles most recent position was Director General/Chief Executive Officer of Petróleos Mexicanos (Pemex), which he held from December 2006 until September 2009. Prior to becoming CEO of Pemex, from 2001 to November 2006, he held a variety of positions in the private sector to include Executive President of GEA||StructurA. During those years, he was a member of the Board of Directors of Wal-Mart Mexico, and Banamex Citigroup.

Dr. Reyes-Heróles was Ambassador of Mexico to the United States of America from October 1997 to November 2000. Previously, from 1995 to 1997, he served as Secretary of Energy in President Ernesto Zedillo's cabinet. In that capacity he was Chairman of the Board of diverse state owned enterprises, such as Petróleos Mexicanos and Comisión Federal de Electricidad (CFE).

#### **About Justice Fernando Franco González Salas, Mexican Supreme Court of Justice**

Justice Fernando Franco González Salas was born in Mexico City, he graduated from Law School at the Escuela Libre de Derecho and continued his studies at the University of Warwick in the United Kingdom where he obtained a degree on Administration and Political Science.

He was appointed Justice of the Mexican Supreme Court of Justice on 12 December 2006, and served as President of the Second Chamber (*Segunda Sala*) of the Supreme Court of Justice from 2008 to 2009.

#### **About the Mexican Chamber of Commerce in GB:**

The Mexican Chamber of Commerce in Great Britain is a Membership-based organization operating as the Bilateral Chamber of Commerce between the two countries. It **represents** Mexican and British entrepreneurs and companies doing business and looking for quality and effectiveness in their network opportunities and **promotes** strong long lasting relationships amongst its members and the business community. The **MexCC** is the platform in which businessmen, politicians, academics, diplomats and non-governmental organizations of both, Mexico and Great Britain, meet creating an ideal environment to pursue business opportunities.

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